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6. (Amended) Cable according to claim 5, wherein said expanded polymer is selected from (a) olefin polymers and (b) olefin copolymers.

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8. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein the ratio between the diameter of said supporting rope and the diameter of each insulated conductor is predetermined so as to make said rope extractable from said helically wound insulated conductors.

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11. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein the insulated conductors are wound around said supporting rope with a predetermined pitch so as to make the cable self-sustaining.

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13. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein the supporting structure comprises an armour comprising one or more layers of metal wires helically stranded around said tubular structure.

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17. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein said supporting structure is coated by an electrically insulating layer.

18. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein said optical fibre element comprises a central reinforcing element around which one or more tubular elements, containing one or more optical fibres immersed in a buffering filler, are disposed.

19. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein said optical fibre element comprises a central reinforcing element around which is disposed a grooved core in which are formed externally one or more grooves which extend longitudinally along the outer surface of said core, said grooves being filled with a buffering filler in which one or more optical fibres are housed.

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20. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein said optical fibre element comprises a tubular element containing one or more optical fibres immersed in a buffering filler.

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22. (Amended) Optical fibre element according to claim 21, wherein said polymeric material is selected from (a) olefin polymers and (b) olefin copolymers.

23. (Amended) Optical fibre element according to claim 22, wherein said polymeric material comprises polypropylene.

24. (Amended) Optical fibre element according to claim 21, wherein said polymeric material has a degree of expansion from 20% to 3000%.

25. (Amended) Optical fibre element according to claim 24, wherein said polymeric material has a degree of expansion from 30% to 500%.

26. (Amended) Optical fibre element according to claim 21, wherein before expansion said polymeric material has a flexural modulus at room temperature between 200 and 2000 MPa.

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29. (Amended) Method for suspending a hybrid electrical-optical cable to an overhead line, said cable comprising:

- three insulated phase conductors helically wound around a supporting rope,
- a tubular structure made of a high mechanical modulus material suitable for containing at least one optical element, and
- a supporting structure placed externally to said tubular structure,

wherein said method comprises:

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